

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Huge Earth Crack Open Near Beach

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TORRANCE — A gaping earth crack has appeared near homes facing Torrance Beach, touching off a wave of concern reminiscent of the Portuguese Bend disasters of 1958-59.

Noticed first two weeks ago by Mrs. Norman Slater, 631 Paseo de la Playa, the crevice now has moved almost two feet, officials say. Shifting earth already has uprooted a portion of chain-link fence separating homes from a bluff overlooking the beach, and lifeguards, fearing further movement might endanger life, have advised parents to keep curious children away.

Neighboring homes currently are far enough away from the crack to prevent immediate damage, but engineers fear seasonal rains may weaken supporting land strata and worsen the prob-

## Mother, Daughter In Knife Attack

TORRANCE — A mother and her 7-year-old daughter were attacked and robbed by a knife-wielding youth Friday night only minutes after cashing a \$150 payroll check.

Police said the victims were Joyce T. Wallace, 30, of 4118 W. 183rd St., and her daughter, Cheryl. Mrs. Wallace told police she and the girl were walking home shortly before 9 p.m. when the youth, described as in his late teens, approached and placed a knife in her back.

Wearing a white handkerchief over his face, the youth threatened to kill both victims if they cried out for help. He took \$150 currency obtained by Mrs. Wallace from her husband's payroll check only minutes earlier, and fled.

Police say the bandit was slim and dark-complexioned. He spoke with a Southern accent, the victims said.

Both Mrs. Wallace and her daughter were unharmed.

**RESIDENT ELECTED**  
LOS ANGELES — John R. Cliburn, 21813 Anza Ave., has been elected second vice president of the 27,000-member Los Angeles County Employees Association.

Cliburn is a social case worker for the Bureau of Public Assistance. Mrs. Eileen O'Brien, a Hawthorne resident who is a social case worker at Harbor General Hospital was elected first vice president.

## DMV OFFICES OPEN SATURDAYS

TORRANCE — Local offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be open five consecutive Saturdays beginning Jan. 5 to accommodate 1963 registration renewals.

Charles W. Creighton, local manager, said offices at 1907 Border Ave. will remain open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays handle motorists whose employment prohibits them from renewing registration during regular office hours.

The extended service program continues through Saturday, Feb. 2. The following Monday (Feb. 4) is the deadline for renewal.

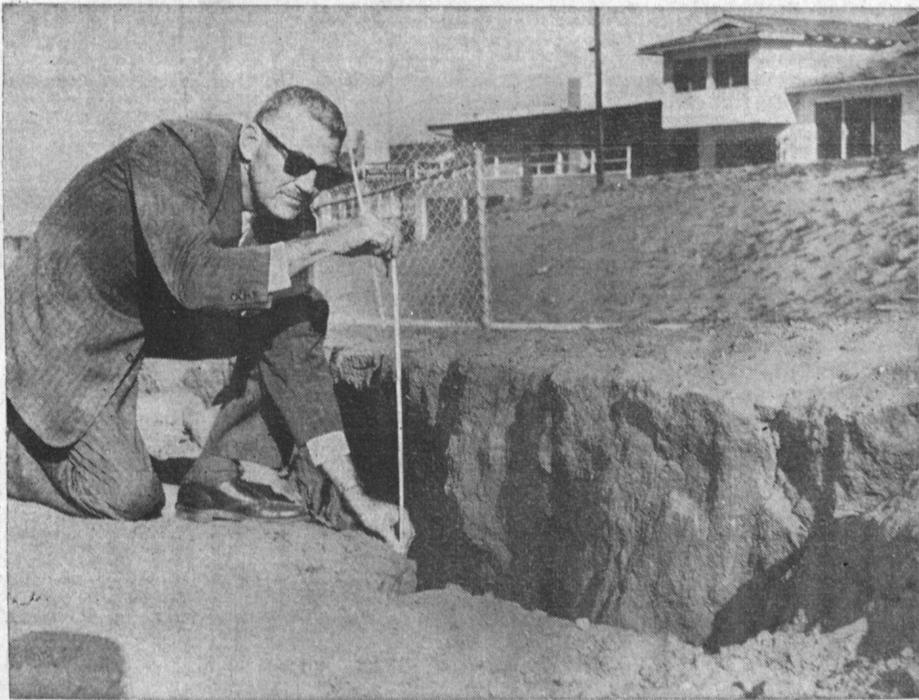
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**CHECKING OPERATION** of machinegun prior to test is Specialist 5 George Riggs, 20615 S. Berendo Ave., Torrance, of 132nd Engineering Battalion, Company E, Army National Guard. Riggs is armorer of Torrance Guard unit, which meets Tuesday nights at 2505 Cabrillo Ave. —PRESS Photo

lem. Warning signs were posted Friday by city crews in hopes of preventing accidents, and an immediate probe was launched by the city engineer's office and City Manager Wade Peebles.



**CRACK EXTENDING** more than 22 inches is examined by city Building Inspector Lee Schlens. First noticed two months ago, crack now threatens homes fronting Torrance Beach. Residents and city officials fear seasonal rains may increase earth movement, creating

problems reminiscent of Portuguese Bend slide of 1958-59. Signs warning children and curious to stay clear of crevice were posted by city inspectors Friday.

—PRESS Photo by William Schell Jr.

## Crash Kills Girl, 15

A high-speed chase between a fleeing young driver and two sheriff's deputies ended in death early Saturday.

Dead is Nancy Peters, 15, passenger in a car driven by David D. Sanchez, 21, both of Hawthorne.

California Highway Patrol investigators said the accident occurred shortly after 4 a.m. Saturday when Sanchez's car went out of control on Broadway near Main St. east of Torrance.

Deputies Daniel Waldner and Edward Franzese, working in an unmarked sheriff's patrol car, said they passed Sanchez's auto as it headed into the wrong entrance of a one-way street.

The officers gave pursuit, but were unable to halt the fleeing auto.

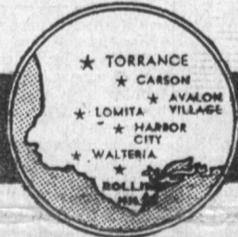
They said it made a swift changeover at Broadway and Main to return to the correct lane, but flipped three times in mid air, throwing Miss Peters to the pavement.

She was taken to Harbor General Hospital with head and internal injuries and died at 6:15 a.m. the same day.

Sanchez was booked on suspicion of felony manslaughter, felony drunk driving and attempting to evade arrest.

Sanchez and a second passenger, Juanita Dee Hixson, 14, also of Hawthorne, both escaped injury.

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## Big Business Boom Recorded In Downtown Shopping Spree

### Holiday Sales Show Upswing

TORRANCE—Holiday retail sales in downtown Torrance reached a near-record peak this season, the Downtown Merchants Association says.

Abe Robinson, association president, said sales leaped so far ahead of 1961 that many stores were left with less than \$100 in merchandise by the day before Christmas.

"It's one of the best seasons we have ever had," said Robinson.

For the first time in several shopping seasons, police were called upon for traffic control and many merchants, anticipating a last-minute rush, requested additional merchandise late in the season.

"The people of Torrance are realizing that they can get personal service, a wide selection of merchandise and top values in downtown stores," said Robinson.

"We want to thank these people for their support and invite other residents to discover the advantages of downtown shopping," he said.

### Truck Rates Must Drop, City Warns

TORRANCE — The Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau has been given strict warning to eliminate discriminatory freight rates governing truck transport to Torrance and other cities south of Artesia Blvd.

The warning was reported Friday in a news bulletin from the Chamber of Commerce, which hinted it will file a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission unless conditions are remedied.

Chamber officials say rates for trucks travelling south of Artesia Blvd. are higher than those in the northern area because of an archaic rule making Torrance a long-distance trip.

More than six months have passed since the Pacific Inland bureau, which controls local trucking, was contacted regarding the problem, officials say.

"Exhaustive requests will be made and sufficient time warranted the bureau before a complaint is filed," a chamber official said.

**Carrier Boys Wanted**

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**"BURDEN OF PEACE,"** sculptured statuary created by Paul H. Salzburg, 60, is under consideration for display at New York headquarters of United

Nations. A decision will be made by early 1963. Work is concrete, but resembles marble. —PRESS photo

## FIND YOUR NAME AND WIN

It's "Find Your Name Time" again with today's issue of the Torrance Press.

And you may be the lucky winner.

Readers whose names appear anywhere throughout the paper in contest form will win a free classified ad, good any time up to 30 days.

Simply clip the name and bring it with your ad to the Torrance Press, 3238W. Sepulveda Blvd. Good hunting!

## Foods, Family Featured in New Section

"Food and Family," an exciting new feature section for modern homemakers, begins its weekly appearance Wednesday in the Torrance Press.

Designed for the housewife who wants to keep abreast of the latest home-making news, this new section features recipes, house-keeping tips and a variety of news of special interest to millions of today's busy world.

As an added attraction to Torrance Press readers, a weekly prize of \$5 will be awarded for the best original recipe submitted by a reader.

Entries should be mailed to Gourmet Editor, Torrance Press, 3238 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance.

Gourmet and foods with an international flavor will receive special emphasis in "Foods and Family," and contest entrants are urged to submit such recipes when possible.

Press Staffers Ronnie Saunders and Jim Hegarty will coordinate the section, featured each Wednesday as a special bonus for Torrance Press readers.